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SUBJECT: GOI STILL UNDECIDED IN UNSC VOTE BUT SEES
VENEZUELA PREVAILING

Classified By: Charge Geoffrey Pyatt for Reasons 1.5 (b) and (d)

11. (C) The DCM used a July 7 meeting with Additional
Secretary (International Organizations), K.C. Singh to probe

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how the GOI planned to vote in the upcoming election for the
Group of Latin American Countries UN Security Council seat.
Guatemala and Venezuela are the two candidates. Declining to
answer directly, Singh affirmed that "The jury is still out,
but is tilted against Guatemala."

12. (C) Singh added that MEA Minister of State Anand Sharma
recently met with the Guatemalan Foreign Minister and asked
what Guatemala can "bring to the table." The GOG gave a vague
and noncommittal reply to a specific request for support on
India's UNSC campaign in contrast to Venezuela which is
backing the G-4 campaign. Singh also mentioned that Venezuela
is "pressing hard" for the vote, capitalizing on their oil
and money influence in lobbying the GOI and others. He
described it as an "uneven race, since Venezuela has much
more weight," and pointed to the recent invitation to Chavez
to attend the African Union's summit as evidence that Caracas
enjoys the upper hand which would make India's vote
superfluous.

13. (C) Singh underlined that India had not yet decided how
to vote, welcomed the chance to exchange head counts, and
noted that when the chips are down and Washington makes clear
at the highest levels that something is important and India's
vote can make a difference, the GOI is prepared to factor
that into its positions. He cited India's IAEA vote on Iran
as an example of this dynamic. With this advice in mind, we

intend to keep pressing the Guatemalan case at senior levels and would welcome a Department assessment of support for Guatemala that we would share with the Indians.

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